Network of Lashkar-e-Taiba in Jharkhand

†947. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the media reports about creation of network in a number of cities in Jharkhand by Lashkar-e-Taiba;

(b) whether any details have been received from the State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government of Jharkhand has informed that the West Bengal Police has recently arrested two persons, suspected to be LeT activities, from Jamshedpur district.

(c) The Government pursues a multi-dimensional approach to deal with such terrorist activities and extends support to the States in neutralizing such terrorist modules/activities. In order to curb such activities, the government has taken measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment of security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist/anti-national elements by well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral/multi-lateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.

Guidelines regarding telephone tapping

†948. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any direction regarding telephone tapping;

(b) if so, how these directions differ from those already in place; and

(c) the details of the direction in place?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (c) In view of the significant changes in the nature of telecom network over time alongwith a large number of service providers including in the private sector and the rapid advancements in communication technology, the Government has issued guidelines for strict compliance by the Central security and law enforcement agencies and the service providers, particularly to tighten the procedure for interception for emergent operational reasons and their post-confirmation from the competent authority and to enable cross verification of interception orders by the security and law enforcement agencies and the service providers so that no unauthorized interception of messages takes place. A suitable advisory has also been issued to the State Governments in this regard.

Correspondence in Hindi between Government and companies

†949. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any scheme to make all correspondence in Hindi between Government and the companies (national and multinational) established in the country has been formulated;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the discussion is going on between the Department of Rajbhasha and companies in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the suggestions received from major industrial groups in this regard and the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Committee of Parliament on Official Language, in seventh part of its Report has recommended that "Correspondence in Hindi with the Govt. should be made mandatory for those Multi-National Companies as well as Domestic companies, who use Hindi to publicise and promote the sale of their products. At the same time the Government should also

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